

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1E

YES ON PROPOSITION 1E: PROTECT AGAINST FLOODS, PREVENT OCEAN POLLUTION, SAFEGUARD CLEAN DRINKING WATER

California continually faces natural disasters—from earthquakes and fires to floods and mudslides. Proposition 1E is critical to prepare for these natural disasters and ensure we always have enough clean water to meet our needs.

YES ON 1E: PROTECT HOMES, PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE

Our nation learned a tragic lesson from Hurricane Katrina—we cannot continue to neglect our unsafe levees and flood control systems. One catastrophic flood would impact the entire state and disrupt the supply of clean drinking water to major cities.

Proposition 1E expedites urgent projects to protect homes and lives across the state:

- Urgent repairs and essential improvements to levees and flood control facilities
- Increased flood protection for urban areas
- Evaluation and repair of the current flood control system

“Californians deserve to know that their homes and families are protected from flooding, caused by levee failure in the Central Valley, or flash flooding in Southern California or coastal areas. Proposition 1E is vital to the state’s ability to ensure flood safety throughout the state.”—Lester Snow, Director, California Department of Water Resources

YES ON 1E: PROTECT OUR OCEANS AND OUR SUPPLY OF CLEAN, SAFE DRINKING WATER

Outdated flood control systems can threaten drinking water supplies, pollute streams, and foul beaches.

- Some cities rely on water mains and sewers more than a century old that can fail at any time. Experts say that water pressure inside the pipes is often the only thing keeping them from collapsing.
- In 2001, sewer spills and overflows forced officials to issue over 2,000 beach closings and health advisories. Spills

and overflows are generally caused by overused and antiquated wastewater systems.

Proposition 1E helps ensure that clean water is available for all Californians all the time by providing funds to rebuild out-of-date systems to prevent pollution and safeguard water sources.

YES ON 1E: STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND NO NEW TAXES

Proposition 1E won’t raise taxes to pay for these important infrastructure improvements. By building safeguards now, with current revenues, we can limit the impact of disasters when they do hit. And, Prop. 1E includes annual audits and tough fiscal safeguards to ensure the money is spent wisely.

YES ON 1E: PART OF A LONG-TERM PLAN TO REBUILD CALIFORNIA

Proposition 1E is part of the Rebuild California Plan, which uses the taxes we’re already paying to build the roads, housing, schools, and water systems we need to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long-term.

The Rebuild California Plan: YES ON 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E

California’s population will reach 50 million in the next 20 years—twice what our current infrastructure was designed for—and it can’t be rebuilt overnight. That’s why we’ve got to start now.

To learn more about how this infrastructure plan will benefit you and your community, visit www.ReadForYourself.org.

YES on 1E: Clean Water, Flood Protection, and Disaster Preparedness.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1E

After reading Prop. 1E, it won’t surprise you to learn that the Legislature adopted it after 3 a.m. when they got tired of arguing. They couldn’t agree on a list of projects or even a list of priorities; they could only agree that **THEY WANT MORE OF YOUR MONEY** right away. How typical! That’s what this \$4,090,000,000.00 bond is all about: raising taxes to give Sacramento politicians a blank check based on vague promises that they won’t waste our money this time. It’s like giving a drunk one more drink for the drive home.

Our legislators have been ignoring public levees for years. Now, instead of allocating a small portion of our record-breaking revenues for levees, they want to borrow money for thirty years for repairs that will need to be repaired again long before this bond is paid off. What will we do then?

This is a **TAX INCREASE**. Taxpayers will be forced to spend over \$8,200,000,000 to pay back this bond with interest!

At recent prices, this proposal contains funding for about 25 miles of levees, but California has far more than 2,000 miles of levees to maintain. Since this measure does nothing to reform our crazy spending practices and policies, we might not even get 25 miles of repairs. What is worse, with politicians in charge of selecting the projects (not hydrologists, scientists, and engineers), funding will be based on political influence rather than critical need. This is a recipe for disaster.

Please Vote “NO” on 1E.

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